

West Street selected as site of family housing

The Wilmington Housing Authority has selected a proposal by Wilmington West Associates of Allston, Mass. to construct 25 units of federally subsidized family housing, it was announced recently.

According to Housing Authority Vice Chairman George Hooper, start of the construction hinges upon the project receiving a final stamp of approval from HUD. Most of the questions raised by HUD have already been resolved, said Hooper, and only one minor issue remains.

The proposal was one of two bids received by the Housing Authority last March. Judged by the Housing Authority on a hundred point system, Wilmington West came out with the greater amount of points by far, said Hooper.

Wilmington West estimated the cost of their proposal at \$1,156,930. The reported amount of the HUD grant. Included in the package were ten

single bedroom units which Hooper said the Housing Authority hopes to reserve for elderly tenants.

The proposal calls for a 16-building cluster with 25 detached and semi-detached units to be constructed on a 7.9 acre site on West Street near the Reading town line. A community building and picnic area would also be constructed.

Although some of the units will probably be used as housing for the elderly, the HUD grant is actually for family housing. The Housing Authority has repeatedly tried to attract funding specifically for elderly housing, but as yet has been unsuccessful.

In 1974, during the Sargent administration, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts conceded that there was a need for additional housing for the elderly in Wilmington, since there had been none built since the construction of Deming Way in the late 1950s. The Housing Authority's

application for 110 units was given initial approval at that time.

However, in 1975, Hooper said, the Dukakis administration put a freeze on the state-funded project.

Since that time the Housing Authority has also applied to HUD for 110 units of elderly housing, but was granted only 25 units of family housing.

According to Hooper, one reason Wilmington has not received the federal and state grants is that it is lumped in with larger cities and towns in the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. Hooper would like to see Wilmington regrouped with towns of its own size when being considered for funding.

According to Hooper, the Housing Authority will wait and re-apply and, if necessary re-apply again. Another possibility, he said, would be to go after somebody in the private sector to build housing for the elderly.

Clarification

It has come to the attention of the Town Crier that some confusion has arisen regarding an item in the August 30 issue which stated a bicycle rider, Ann Powers, collided with a car driven by Marcia Romanowski.

According to information received from Mrs. Romanowski, when she saw the bicycle, she stopped. The Powers girl lost control of the bicycle and hit the car, Mrs. Romanowski said.

One bridge back, another on bids

The Eames Street bridge, closed recently to allow the installation of the trunk line sewer, will be open in time for school opening on Wednesday, according to Town Manager Sterling Morris.

Rep. Jim Miceli said that the Lake Street bridge will be out for bids within four to six weeks. With a one month construction period, he expects that the bridge will be completed before winter sets in.

Miceli said that the bridge would be of a type known as a "Bailey bridge," almost modular in construction.

The Lake Street bridge has been closed for two years. After vandals burned the old wooden bridge, the state D.P.W. removed the bridge, leaving the street dead-ended. Since then, residents have complained about vandalism problems on the street.

Try it again

The final Recreation Department concert of the summer will be held on Thursday evening on the Wilmington Common. Twice postponed by rain, the concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. The band scheduled to play is "John Penney and the Country Sound." The concert is sponsored by Wilmington Ford.



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yet

Pam Strand of Middlesex Avenue, North Wilmington was well on her way to being dunked when this picture was taken on Monday afternoon during the Jerry Lewis Telethon fun day at the Oakdale Mall. The fund-raising effort for Muscular Dystrophy was the most successful in the four-year history of the Tewksbury event. The total raised in the telethon and related events was in the vicinity of \$66,300, nearly \$10,000 more than last year.

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Tear gas bomb discovered

Retired Herald American Editor John Brooks had the makings of an explosive story last week.

At approximately 2:45 p.m. Friday, he discovered what appeared to be a tear gas bomb lying on the lawn of his Salem Street home in Wilmington.

He called the Wilmington police, who sent in a team from the Fire Marshall's bomb disposal unit.

Fortunately, the bomb proved to be too old to cause much damage and it was removed without incident.

Brooks is also a member of the Wilmington School Committee.

Paint job

Wilmington High School's gym will have a new look when the winter sports teams begin play there this season. Student volunteers - past and present - spruced up the gym floor and walls with a paint job that sports Wildcat blue and the team emblem of a snarling cat at center court. Athletic Director James Martin said the cost of the job was limited to the price of paint and brushes.

Ballroom, disco lessons

The Wilmington Recreation Department will again offer disco and ballroom dance lessons. The program will consist of beginner, intermediate, and advanced ballroom lessons plus disco for grades seven and eight, grades nine to 12 and adults.

Cost is \$20 for Wilmington couples and \$30 for out-of-town couples in the ballroom classes. For the disco classes, singles pay \$10 and \$15 respectively. Students pay \$5. The ballroom classes will be held at the North Intermediate School on Monday evenings from September 11 through November 13. Beginners will be from 7:00 to 8:00; intermediate from 8:00 to 9:00; and advanced from 9:00 to 10:00.

Disco lessons will be on Thursdays, September 14 through November 16 from 7:00 to 8:00 for grades seven and eight; from 8:00 to 9:00 for grades nine through 12; and from 9:00 to 10:00 for adults. To register, call the Recreation Office at 658-6512.

BOOSTERS MEETING

The Wilmington Boosters Club will hold its first meeting of the fall season on Monday, Sept. 11, at 8 p.m. in the Mildred Rogers School at Silver Lake. Everyone is invited to come meet the new athletic director, Jim Martin.

Tax rate \$79

The tax rate for Wilmington is dropping \$1 this year. Chief assessor Anthony Krzminski announced last week that the rate will be \$79. One year ago it was \$80.

One of the big reasons for the drop is the change in figures in the Cherry Sheet, the statement received by every town and city from the state, and so called because of the color of the paper on which it is printed.

A year ago Wilmington's Cherry Sheet showed a drop of \$600 thousand in receipts, and an increase of \$77 thousand in charges. That caused the tax rate to go up.

This year there is \$569,329.77 more in receipts from the Cherry Sheet, and charges have dropped \$61,727.13.

The overall effect may perhaps be best described as a "stabilization" in

Cherry Sheet figures.

Wilmington's valuation increased \$3,952,570 during the past year, to a total of \$153,459,745. Of this about 60 per cent was attributable from increased construction and renovations in industry and commercial establishments. Not many new homes were added.

New Law

The tax bill, when it does arrive will, this year, have an added statement showing how much the tax rate is affected by the State Aid received by the community. This is Section 59 of Chapter 357 of the Acts of 1978.

The bill will show that, without state aid, Wilmington property owners would be paying \$21.17 more in the tax rate. Of this \$14.48 would have been for schools, and \$6.69 for general government.

Fire Department receives gift

The Wilmington Fire Department has been presented with a National Fire Protection Association course entitled "Handling Hazardous Materials and Transportation Emergencies."

Of course, designed to train fire fighters in the latest techniques for handling fires which involve industrial chemicals; was a gift from Analog Devices Semiconductor Division on Woburn Street.

It consists of slides and cassette tapes detailing procedures fire fighters should use in emergencies of this nature.

In a letter to Fire Chief Arthur Boudreau, Analog Vice President and General Manager Robert Pepper wrote "The Town of Wilmington can be proud of an excellent record of inspection and preventative measures taken by its industry and your department. In recent years, the understanding of hazardous materials and the technology to minimize incidents have been enhanced dramatically. This course provides the latest insight into identifying potential minor incidents before they can become catastrophes."



Frank Sferrazza and Lorraine Hanna of the Wilmington Recreation Commission.

Hearing Thursday for recreation area

The Wilmington Planning Board, Tuesday night, had a preliminary look at the plans for a playground, being prepared by the Wilmington Recreation Commission. There is to be a public hearing on the proposal, before the Conservation Commission, starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Whitefield School.

The 92 acres, the Planning Board was told, in the site once taken for school purposes on Salem Street, is 60 per cent wetland and marsh. There are about 25 acres available for playground, with two entrances planned from Salem Street.

It will be a community improvement project, for Wilmington residents of all ages.

Frank Sferrazza told the Planning Board that it will not be a complex for Little League teams, nor Pop Warner teams, but rather for teams of players

who, at this time are unable to get proper fields, such as girls baseball, field hockey, soccer, racing, football, etc. It will be wholly under the control of the Recreation Commission. It will not be a site for high school sports.

Lorraine Hanna told the board that this is to fulfill "where Recreation is losing out."

There is no basketball court that is available to the people as such. Those in Wilmington have priority with the schools. If basketball games are scheduled in the high school gym, the custodians have to be paid.

"We have a lot of volunteer help in the Recreation Department. This will provide recreational facilities for the young people, without getting prior permission from the schools."

There will be parking for a total of 160 cars. There will be two principal recreation areas.

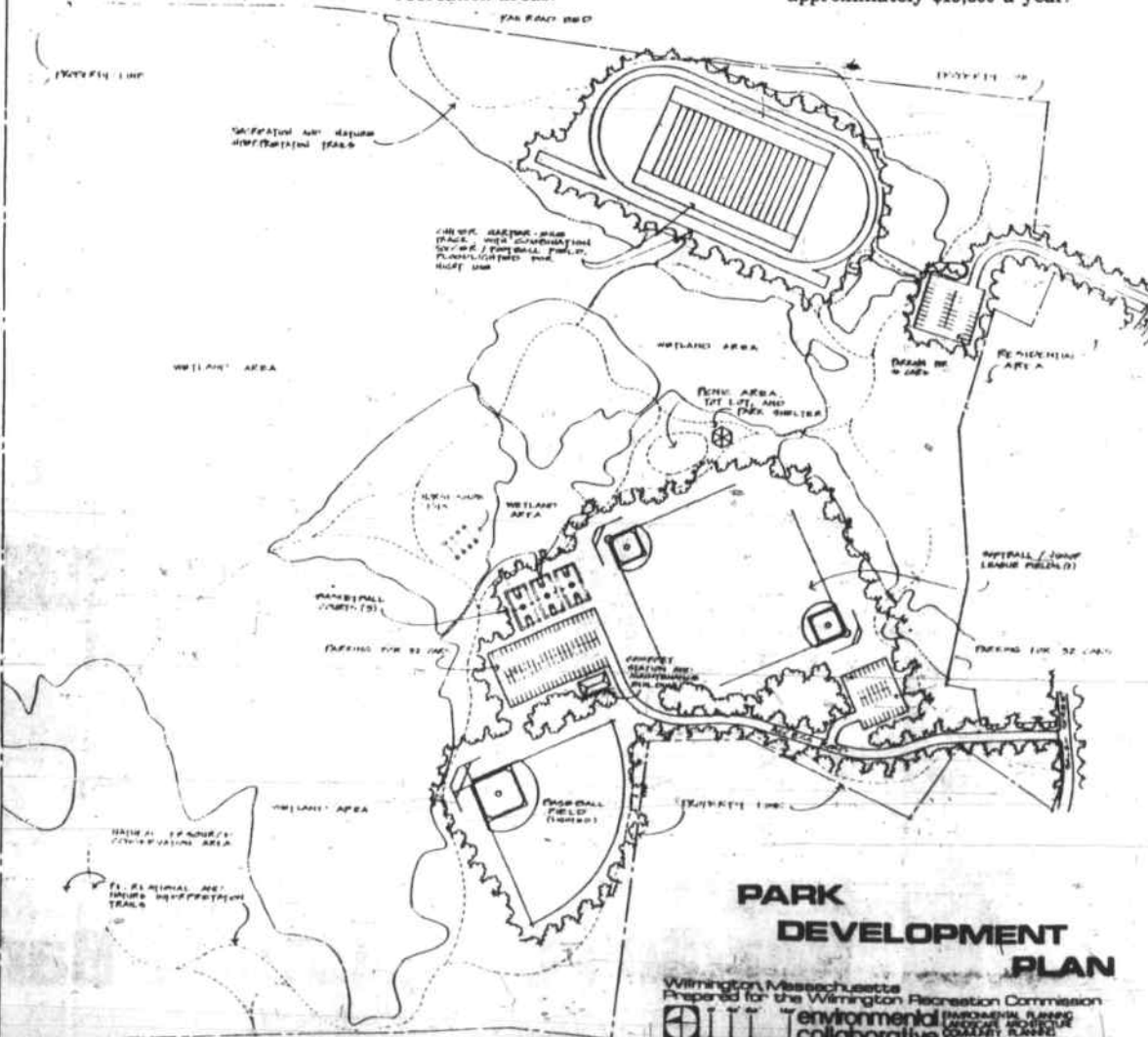
To the west side there will be two softball fields, with night lighting. There will be three basketball courts, and a baseball field.

Near the railroad, on the east side, a soccer-football field, with a quarter mile race track is planned. There will be night lights for this field.

In the winter time there is planned an area for skating, and for cross country skiing. There will be opportunities too, to develop nature walks for the summer months.

The Recreation Commission expects to get money from the (Massachusetts) Bureau of Recreation and the Federal government, through HUD. This will have to be met with matching funds from the town, for construction.

Once the construction has been completed, the Recreation Commission estimates the yearly cost to be approximately \$15,300 a year.





WHS head coach John Ritchie gives his offensive backs some pointers during Tuesday night's workout at Wilmington High.

Register for Middlesex Community College

Evening hours to register for all Middlesex Community College, Division of Continuing Education and Division of Community Services. Fall courses have been scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Building 8, Springs Road, Bedford.

The fall semester begins the week of September 18. Faculty and academic counselors will be available to help students plan programs, select courses and answer questions about financial aid. Registration for courses for the fall semester may also be completed from 11 a.m. to 4

p.m. daily at the Division of Continuing Education Building at the Marist Campus.

At the same time the public is invited to attend an Art Open House featuring an exhibition of works by students enrolled in the Middlesex Community College Studio Art program. The students' works may be viewed September 11 and 12 on the second floor of Building 8. Instructors from the Studio Art program will be present to talk about the exhibits and the courses that will be offered in the fall. If you would like to discuss your work with one of the faculty, feel free to take it with you.

For a catalog containing course descriptions and registration information, call or visit the Division of Continuing Education, Springs Road, Bedford, 275-8910 ext. 240.

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Carol-Ann, Carol and Betty are ready to set you up for summer with a new cut, color, perm, or henna.

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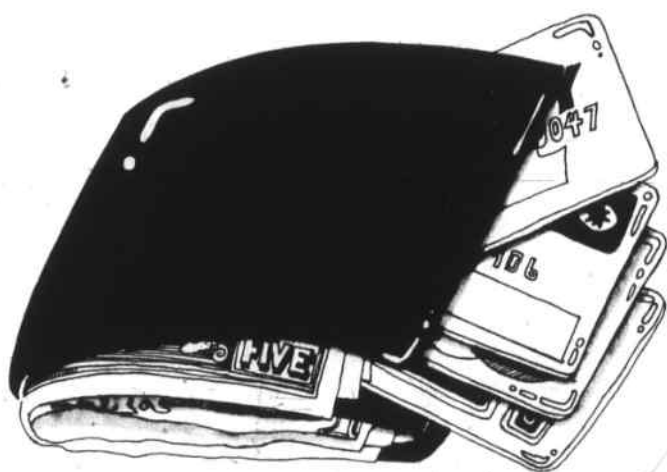
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Diet Workshop open house

The Wilmington Diet Workshop will offer open house during the week of September 11 at the Congregational Church, Middlesex Avenue on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. The session will be conducted by Alice Berilacqua.

The public will be welcome to ask questions concerning the most frequent problems dieters encounter. There will be no obligation for attending.

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coming events

Friday, August 25 AND NEXT TWO WEEKS: Registrations taken for baton lessons for beginners and intermediates at Wil. Rec office, 658-6512.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, Wednesday, Sept. 6, Thursday, Sept. 7: 6 to 7:30 p.m., Rotary Park. Wilmington Little League registration for boys and girls.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, Thursday, Sept. 7: 9 p.m., tryouts for Tomahawk Hockey Club at Valley Sports Arena, Concord.

Wednesday, Sept. 6: Senior hot lunches resume, Wilmington. Make reservations before noon, the day before planned participation.

Wednesday, September 6: Tewksbury sophomore girls volleyball tryouts at TMHS.

Wednesday, Sept. 6: First Tewksbury High School freshman football practice at TMHS.

Wednesday, Sept. 6: 7 to 9 p.m. Early registration for Middlesex Community College at WHS.

Wednesday, September 6 through Sat. Sept. 9: Reservations this week only for Tewksbury Rotary "Mongolian" party.

Thursday, Sept. 7: Boston Harbor boat cruise for Tewksbury C.O.A.

Thursday, September 7: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., distribution of special MBTA discount passes at Wilmington Senior Drop-in Center.

Thursday, September 7: 7 to 9:30 P.M. LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR Tewksbury Youth Baseball at Tewksbury Town Hall.

Friday, September 8: Pre-registration at Tewksbury Patten Public Library for pre school children.

Friday, September 8: Deadline for registration in any event at Wilmington Tennis Club Fall tournament.

Friday, Sept. 8: 5:30 p.m., Wilmington Little League tryouts age 12, at Rotary Park.

Saturday, Sept. 9: 9 a.m., Wilmington Little League tryouts, age 9, at Rotary Park.

Saturday, September 9: 4 p.m., Clinic for new registrations for Tewksbury Youthskating Assoc. at Janas Rink, Lowell.

Saturday, September 9 and Sun. Sept. 10: St. Dorothy's CCD registration in church lower hall after all Masses.

Saturday, September 9 and Sun., Sept. 10: Wilmington Tennis Club Fall Tourney at AVCO courts, mens' and womens' singles.

Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10: Tewksbury DAV and Tewksbury Firefighters joint paper drive at Town DPW quarters.

Sunday, September 10: 12 noon, Coffee hour and reception for the Rev. Charles Koomravian, Interim Minister, Congregational Church, Wilmington, Route 62.

Sunday, Sept. 10: 4 p.m., Soccer Jamboree, MVC, at Chelmsford McCarthy Junior High School field.

Sunday, September 10: 7 p.m., LWV Regional Candidates' Night at Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Free and open to public. Reception following.

Monday, Sept. 11: 5:30 p.m., Wilmington Little League tryouts, age 11, last name A-L, Rotary Park.

Monday, Sept. 11: 7 p.m., September meeting, Council on Aging at Wilmington Drop-in Center. Dentistry program will be explained.

Monday, September 11: 7:30 p.m., Diet Workshop Open House at Wilmington Congregational Church, Route 62.

Monday, September 11: 7:30 p.m. Tewksbury-Wilmington Emblem Club meeting at Elks Hall.

Monday, September 11: 8 p.m., Parents meeting of Wilmington Figure Skating Club at Wilmington Library.

Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Art Open House at Middlesex Community College, Bedford.

Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Evening registration hours at Middlesex Community College, at Bedford; or daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 12: 5:15 p.m., Tewksbury Reg. Bowling registration for girls 12 through 17 years, at Wamesit Bowl-O-Matic.

Tuesday, September 12: Tea for ladies, 18 and over, by St. William's Sodality, at parish center following 7:30 Mass and Novena.

Please submit items for coming events listing at least one week before desired date of publication

MBTA to register senior citizens, handicapped

An MBTA registration team will be in Wilmington on Thursday, September 7, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to process applications for reduced fare identification cards for eligible senior citizens and eligible handicapped citizens of Wilmington and surrounding communities.

Registration will take place at the Senior Drop-in Center, DeMoulas Place, Route 38. To be eligible for a senior citizen reduced fare identification card, which contains the name and address of the holder and a color photograph for positive identification, senior citizens must take proof of age - 65 years or older - such as a birth certificate, baptismal record, or driver's license; proof of residency such as a driver's license, library card or charge plate; and a 50¢ cash fee.

Medicare cards will not be accepted as proof of age. Senior citizens who already have a reduced fare identification card do not need to register again. What appears to be an expiration date is used merely for internal auditing and control purposes.

Once a reduced fare identification card is issued, it is good for life. To be eligible for a handicapped citizen reduced fare identification card, good only during off-peak hours, handicapped persons must present acceptable proof of their disability such as a letter from the Social Security Administration; evidence of 70% or more disability as determined by the United States Veterans' Administration; or completion of MBTA Form No. SN-7 which must be approved and signed by a physician or state or federal agency serving the handicapped.

The MBTA forms will be mailed to anyone requesting them by calling the MBTA's Special Needs Office at 722-5438.

Shawsheen Tech menus

Wednesday: Chicken Croquettes with Gravy, Whipped Potato, Cranberry Sauce, Buttered Peas, Fresh Baked Buttered Roll, Chilled Pears and Milk - or - Meatball Submarine, Grated Cheese, Buttered Peas, Chilled Pears in Syrup and Milk.

Thursday: Braised Beef Chunks with Gravy, Whipped Potato, Country Style Vegetables, Fresh Baked Buttered Roll, Pudding with Topping and Milk - or - Frankfurt in a Roll, Mustard, Relish and Catsup, Homestyle Baked Beans, Cabbage and Carrot Slaw, Pudding with Topping and Milk.

Friday: Vegetable Beef Soup, Tomato and Cheese Piza, Buttered Green Beans, Ice Cream and Milk - or - Beef Noodle Soup, Turnip Salad on a Roll, Fresh Garden Salad, Ice Cream and Milk.

Emblem Club plans fair

The Tewksbury-Wilmington Emblem Club will hold its first meeting of the season on Monday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Elks hall on South Street. Discussion of the program for the coming year will be held. To be voted will be amendments to the standing rules of the local Emblem Club.

President Lucy Rondeau announces the upcoming Emblem Club, an annual special event of the club will be held November 9 in conjunction with a fair and a supper. There will be tables at the fair such as baked goods, crafts, arts, knitted articles, Christmas articles, and the regular

white elephant table. Those wishing to donate to the tables are asked to call Rita Fortier at 851-2149.

The first hospital party will be scheduled Sept. 20. In charge of this event is Fran Marshall, 663-4479.

The national supreme convention of the Emblem Clubs this year will be held September 23-30 in New York City.

Among out of town programs will be the next state meeting of the Emblem Club September 10 at 1 p.m. at the New Bedford Elks hall, and the Maynard Emblem Club visitation and installation on Saturday September 16 at 4 p.m.

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He's tired of politicians telling us about the great things they're doing when nothing is really changing. Unlike his opponent, PAUL SULLIVAN won't be just supporting a non-binding referendum to lower taxes - he already knows the people want lower taxes - he'll be supporting a binding referendum that lets the people decide how their money is spent.

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A hair-losing experience

by Larz F. Neilson

It's a truly unique experience. No, I'm not talking about malt liquor. I'm talking about getting your head shaved, especially in front of hundreds of people.

If there hadn't been a Tewksbury fire lieutenant sitting along side of me, preceding me in the experience by a couple of minutes, I never would have consented.

But that is the type of con artist Al Hancock is. Don't get me wrong. Lt. Hancock is one of the finest men I know. His fellow Tewksbury Fire Fighters would agree with me. Earlier this year, they voted him as Fire Fighter of the Year.

But still, there are no two ways about it. He is a con artist.

Several months ago, when the idea hatched inside my now-bald head, the beard was all that was supposed to go. It seemed like a good way to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. And when I made the public announcement, I was encouraged by the response. Of course, making a public announcement in the paper sort of locked me in to shaving the beard.

And then along came Al... Now bear in mind that Al's head was shaved last year in the M.D. telethon, so it wouldn't work if I tried to claim that he didn't have the courage to do it himself. And besides, he has a way of issuing a challenge that leaves no alternative.

Al visited the Town Crier office a couple of weeks ago, and it was a visit that was filled with raucous laughter.

I tried to set impossible goals for him. I told him I would only let them cut off my hair for \$5000 into the M.D. coffers, and that was \$5000 specifically subscribed to shaving my head.

Somehow, though, I turned out to be a poor bargainer. Or maybe it was Al's previously mentioned talents.

But anyway, finding myself on the trailer, watching them shave Al's head, was a bit...well, the word to describe it is hard to find. It's like the line out of "Please Mister Custer," that goes "What'm I doin' here?"

Al's strategy was that if he went ahead, then I couldn't refuse. He was right. It was as if the God-father had made me an offer.

And how much money did I raise? The coupons in the paper brought in \$116. Money collected at the Mall on Monday raised the figure to \$160. By the time the shaving took place, there was more than \$200 in the can.

With the money going to the good cause that it is, I am glad to have done what I did. I look at it as a positive experience, something that will be fun to talk about for a long time. It gives me the opportunity to reflect on the fact that I am healthy. If what I did has helped find a means of preventing, treating or curing neuro-muscular disease, then I am happy.

Al has said that this is the last year that he'll allow his head to be shaved. But before he sat down for his trim, he conned next year's victim. Buddy Warnock, a North Reading Fire Fighter, now finds himself in an interesting situation. Nobody is going to drag him up and force him to sit and have his head shaved. But Al Hancock has done his work, and on Labor Day, 1979, Buddy Warnock will be bald.



Al takes his cut

With his own case of imposed baldness fully developed, Tewksbury Fire Lt. Allen Hancock takes the shears to the still-fuzzy beard of Town Crier Editor Larz "Fred" Neilson. The price for the privilege of administering the trim was one dollar per cut. Fortunately, the photographer ran out of film before his editor ran out of hair, so anyone wishing to view the editor's new coiffure will have to do so in person.

Guitarists Jimmy Pierce and Paul Welch of the Warren Newhouse Orchestra provided the dirge-like music during the haircut.



The Muscular Dystrophy parade on Labor Day presented an impressive array of fire engines, both modern and antique. Shown here is a 1924 Childs engine, the pride and joy of Wilmington Fire Fighter George Anderson, Jr.

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In announcing the joint choice, the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association and the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns stated, "This annual award is made to legislators who have actively and aggressively promoted legislation to benefit municipal governments and the taxpayers and citizens whom they represent."

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M.D. says thank-you

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Number One - the many people I talked into going into the dunk tank. I want to say thank-you. Thank-you all you wonderful and beautiful people for your help. You agreed to go into the dunk with little or no warning. You helped us raise a lot of dollars for some wonderful people. With your help we raised over \$66,000 and that is beautiful.

Words to express my thanks, I cannot say, but to all you people who helped shave my head, I say next year get the money up for somebody else. I thank you.

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Mary McNaughton has been honored by the New England Association of the Amateur Athletic Union for Outstanding Performance in Competitive Swimming. Mary, who swims for the North Suburban YMCA Vikings in Woburn, received the honor by virtue of being ranked in the top ten in her age group during the short (yards) course competition.

In the 11-12 year-old girls' competition, Mary was ranked sixth in the 200 yard freestyle, and 10th in the 100 yard free. She received an engraved certificate for her efforts.

Following the annual end-of-the-season training break, Mary and teammate Patty Conant will report back for fall team tryouts at the YMCA pool in Woburn. The Vikings, who currently hold 37 YMCA and 17 AAU swimming and diving records, are once again expected to field strong teams this coming season.

births

BUCKLEY: Crystal Gale, second child, first daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Buckley of Main Street, Wilmington on August 28 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Fullerton of Main Street, Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buckley of Wightman Road, Tewksbury.

CUTTER: Marja Susan and Hillary Elise, second and third children, first and second daughters to Attorney and Mrs. Richard A. Cutter of Fairlane Road, Wakefield on August 26 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lipkin of New Haven, Conn. and Attorney and Mrs. Simon Cutter of Church Street, Wilmington.

DELLASCIO: Cheryl Ann, second child, first daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur V. Dellascio of Roberts Road, Wilmington on August 28 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents are Mrs. Bernard P. Gill, Sr. of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Dellascio of South Boston.

DINEEN: William, first child to Mr. and Mrs. William Dineen of Grand Street, Wilmington on August 28 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Finlay of Naples Florida (formerly of Wilmington) and Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Dineen of Avon Street, Somerville.

HEBSCH: Amelia Elizabeth, first child to Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Hebsch (Ann Wynn) of Royal Street, Plymouth on August 22 at Jordan Hospital, Plymouth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wynn of Indiana and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hebsch of Wilmington.

MONTUORI: Michelle Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. William K. Montuori (Nancy Miller) of 7 Griffin Road, Londonderry, N.H. on August 4 at Bon Secours Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Miller of Hathaway Road, Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Montuori of Burlington Avenue, Wilmington.

Wilmington United Methodist Church

The Rev. Richard L. Evans, pastor, 658-8217; Daniel T. Moore, asst. pastor, 658-2912; office, 658-4519.

Sunday, Sept. 10: 8:45 a.m., Early worship and communion; 10 a.m., Teacher orientation for School of Christian Living, Family worship and sermon.

Monday, Sept. 11: 7:30 p.m., Commission on worship, Commission on Education.

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Thursday, Sept. 14: 9:30 a.m., Bible study with child care.

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The trunk

The trunk of the Jaquith Hemlock measured 19 feet in circumference. This photo by Ed Nelson Eames shows his son, Harold, and another young man, standing next to the tree trunk to give an idea of its size. Harold graduated from Wilmington High School in 1909 and later became a well-known veterinarian.

Who was Abram Jaquith

The Jaquith Hemlock takes its name from the family of Abram (or Abraham) Jaquith who, according to Wilmington lore was living on what is now the northerly side of Aldrich Road, opposite Forest Street, in 1665.

The site, now Wilmington, was originally a part of Billerica, and was a part of the Billerica land transferred to Wilmington by the Colonial legislature in 1737.

Most of the land northerly of Aldrich Road was the old Jaquith farm. Where the hemlock grew was in The Land of Goshen, which was a part of Woburn before 1730.

Sergeant Jaquith was quite evidently of Huguenot descent - the French protestants who were evicted from France in the latter part of the sixteenth century. Several of the early

settlers of Billerica were Huguenot.

Sgt. Jaquith quite evidently was one of the settlers who arrived in Massachusetts Bay Colony after 1630, although not much can be proven. In 1930 a Wilmington Committee was appointed to investigate the early history of the town, and they arrived at the conclusion that Abram Jaquith was living on the Aldrich Road site in 1635. They could not tell whence he had come, nor has subsequent investigation been able to tell much. The writer has searched unsuccessfully.

The committee named three first settlers. In addition to Jaquith it named William Butter and Richard Harden.

The history of William Butter has been investigated by the writer. He

was a Scot Covenanter, who had a life of hardship as an early prisoner of the Puritans, and who participated in King Philip's War. Butter may have lived in what is now Wilmington as early as 1663, and most certainly was living at his Chestnut Street home in 1665.

Richard Harnden, on the other hand, first settled in Wilmington about 1667, according to the writer's search. The Harnden family recently demonstrated that the family was originally Harding, and had settled in Merrymount (Quincy Bay) shortly after the Pilgrims settled in Quincy.

But, the writer regrets, he has no early history of Abram Jaquith, the first settler in what is now the western part of Wilmington.

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Jaquith Hemlock gone 25 years

Reprinted from the Wilmington Crusader
September 16, 1953

The Jaquith Hemlock, on Aldrich Road, also known as the Great Hemlock, was cut down during the last week. Long held to be the oldest living thing in New England, and largest hemlock in New England, it was cut down on orders of the owner of the property, as preparations were made for construction of a house nearby. The central portion of the tree had long since rotted away, and engineers told the owner, Stanley B. Roberts, of Cambridge, that the tree was dangerous. The tree was estimated as being nearly 400 years old, and was most certainly growing when the Pilgrims landed, 333 years ago. It had been called the Great Hemlock since the early 1800's, and perhaps

before that. Arthur Thomas Bond, a historically minded resident of the town, in 1904, recorded that a Mrs. Roxanna Carter had heard it so called, when she moved to town 75 years previously, as a young bride.

The Jaquith Hemlock took its name from the family that first settled that region, when it was part of Billerica, about 1660. Sgt. Abraham Jaquith, who lived near the corner of Forest Street and Aldrich Road owned a large farm, which included the site of the tree, and one of his descendants, David Jaquith, lived under the tree, in a farmhouse that has long since disappeared.

The tree measured about 19 feet in circumference, at its base was about 65 feet high, and had a greatest width of about 72 feet.

League of Women Voters wine and cheese party

A wine and cheese party is the kick-off event of 1978-79 season for the League of Women Voters of Wilmington.

It will be held Thursday, September 14, at 8 p.m., at the home of Joan Sadowski of 11 Wilton Drive.

The purpose of the gathering is to acquaint prospective members with the League and to give present members a preview of the activities for the coming year.

Nancy Lovetere, membership chairwoman, expects to have all other chairwomen available to explain the functions of their committees and detail their plans for the League year.

On the state level the League plans to study fiscal policy and continue with action for the Bottle Bill.

Local studies to be undertaken include the Zoning Bylaw and the Quality and Quantity of the town's water supply.

On the national level a major emphasis will be placed on working for the passage of legislation to help ease the energy crisis.

Other activities in which a member can participate are voter service, which runs candidates nights, warrant nights and provides information to voters; observer corps, which observes and reports on town committee meetings; the finance committee, which raises the funds to run League

activities; and the student government committee, which runs student government with the high school.

The League publishes a monthly bulletin to keep members abreast of what is happening. The bulletin committee is another committee available to interested members.

Any person 18 or over who is a registered voter and interested in the League is invited to attend the wine and cheese membership party on September 14.

For further information or to arrange transportation call Maida Eisenberg, League president, 658-8908 or Nancy Lovetere, 658-5723.

George Hanna in Lawrence Hospital

George Hanna of Park Street, Wilmington is a patient at the Lawrence General Hospital, as the result of an auto accident in North Andover, Tuesday evening, on Route 125.

Mr. Hanna was driving his brand new 1978 car, when it was struck on the side by another car, and badly damaged.



Running
wet

Some candidates will do anything for a vote, and when your opponents are both going in the dunk tank for Muscular Dystrophy, it is hard to say no. Such was the case with the candidates for State Representative from Tewksbury and Wilmington on Sunday at the Oakdale Mall. Paul Sullivan is shown above taking his dip in the dunk tank. Rep. Jim Miceli took his dousing, too, and Frank Antonelli Jr. took the wet fall for his father.

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The
tree

It was the biggest tree in New England. This photo, taken by the late Ed Nelson Eames, shows his son and another youth marking the edge of the tree at the right. The man at the left is believed to be Eames himself. A selectman and moderator of Wilmington, Eames brought himself a camera and a book of directions, and produced a collection of photographs of Wilmington in the early 1900s.

The tree stood in what is now the back yard of 67 Aldrich Road, Wilmington. It stood about 70 feet from the road, near a rocky knoll. When cut down, the diameter of the tree, to the end of the limb, was 72 feet.

The village green, colonial homes, and a giant hemlock tree

Every New England city or village has its "Green or Common" around which are grouped the finest residences and sometimes, the most historic buildings. The "Greens" are public parks or playgrounds. These are shaded by lofty elms which arch over the velvet turf. They are always decorated with towering flag staffs from which float the National colors on public occasions or celebrations.

Always, likewise, are to be seen patriotic memorials to soldiers of the Revolutionary War. On them are engraved the names of the soldiers from that particular town who fell in the strife. These memorials are sometimes in the shape of lofty and costly granite monuments crowned with the statue of a "Minuteman" of the Revolution or a soldier of the Civil or World War.

Sometimes the memorial is a huge granite boulder on the face of which a bronze tablet records the names of the fallen heroes of that town or village.

In addition to these names are appropriate patriotic inscriptions. For instance, two at Concord have these inscriptions - one commemorating the Revolutionary battle at Concord Bridge has upon it these lines of Emerson's:

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled;
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard 'round the World."

Pass over the interval of 149 years and on a massive granite boulder on Concord Green read the inscription to the soldiers of that town who fell in the World War: This is also from Emerson:

"So near is grandeur to our dust;
So near is God to Man,
When duty whispers low thou must,
The youth replies, I can."

Many generations have come and gone since Revolutionary days, but in these New England towns the same spirit of devoted patriotism survives today that animated the patriots of 1775. We all declare that we love peace and hate war, and yet we all honor the soldiers of any war and consign the Pacifist to that war to oblivion.

Did any one ever see a monument erected in honor of a wartime Pacifist? There are none among the hundreds of memorials in New England. This seems rather inconsistent, but it is human nature and has been through all time. It is because we instinctively

honor the principle of unselfish devotion to country which prompts the soldier to risk his life in its defense and condemn the pacifist, who does nothing for the country himself, but benefits the soldier's devotion?

The perfect preservation of the old Colonial homes in this county of Middlesex is a constant matter of surprise. I daily pass homes from 240 to 260 years old that still look almost new in their fresh coats of white and green. Their age is only revealed by their styles of architecture and the inevitable central brick chimney.

Mr. J.W. Hathaway, a prominent Boston lawyer, resident here, kindly took me on a drive the other evening. "to see some of the antiques of North Wilmington." Among them were the relics of an old canal which was built from the Merrimack River to Boston in 1790. It was some 30 miles long, I judge, and is seen to have done a profitable business until the advent of railroads, paralleling its route, cut down its freight receipts.

The huge granite piers, 134 years old are still well preserved. The piers mark the spot where the canal was carried in a long trough over a little river. Another curiosity was a one-story house built in 1680 when Wilmington was first settled. This little dwelling was painted green and is still well preserved, but an old barn on the premises, probably of about the same age as the house, was unpainted and certainly looks a relic of antiquity.

But an interesting natural curiosity shown me by Mr. Hathaway was a giant hemlock tree which, tradition says was old in 1680 when the first settlers came. It towers to a lofty height and the trunk at its base, is over four feet in diameter. It has cast its shadow over many generations and is so sturdy and vigorous that it bids fair to look down on many more.

W.T.N.
North Wilmington, Mass.,
July 25, 1924

The above article was written by Wilbur T. Norton (1844-1925) a newspaperman and historian from Alton, Illinois. In 1924, he visited his son, Augustus T. Norton, in Wilmington, and wrote an account of his impressions of Wilmington, which was published in the Alton Evening Telegraph, in his home town on the Mississippi River.

When the tree was cut down, 25 years after Norton wrote his piece, the Wilmington Crusader reported the demise of the tree. The article was written by Lars Nelson, now the publisher of the Town Crier. Wilbur Norton was his wife's grandfather.



Wilmington SPORTS

Ken Palm resigns, accepts Methuen job

Varsity hockey coach Ken Palm returned to Wilmington for a brief one year stay and compiled a 12-6-1 record in the MVC before resigning his hockey job last week to accept the position as hockey coach with the struggling but potentially strong Methuen High hockey team.

Palm has also accepted a teaching position at Methuen High School and has been named director of that town's hockey complex. The Ranger hockey fortunes are in good hands as Ken is a coaching veteran having served as head coach at Haverhill before returning to Wilmington after an eight year absence.

Palm had previously coached the Wildcats through the years 1966-69 and

helped lead the Cats to their last MVC title in 1969. Palm has also served as an assistant hockey coach at Melrose and Burlington High. Ken has been a head football coach at Burlington High and was a member of former WHS coach Fred Bellissimo's staff.

The former WHS leader succeeds Bruce Parker at the Ranger hockey helm. Parker left Methuen to accept a coaching job at Merrimack College where he will be replacing the late Thom Lawler.

Palm is the third Wilmington High School varsity coach to resign this year, with Bellissimo and basketball coach Bob Milley preceding him.

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ment often times can prevent the whole sorry situation from occurring.

Other times - as in the Stingley case - the right contact at a vulnerable moment can cause serious damage. "You know," says Patriot's fullback Sam Cunningham in a recent piece by Boston Phoenix sports editor, George Kimball, "if Darryl had gotten up and walked away nobody'd be talking about all of this, but that doesn't mean the situation didn't exist before. The capability for something like this happening is always there. There are plenty of chances to really hurt somebody in a football game."

Someone asked Cunningham if coach John McKay had stressed head-hitting when he was at USC. "In college?" Cunningham exclaimed.

"Try high school. Earlier, Youth Football. Pop Warner. They're ingraining that sort of thing into little kids."

The pass route Stingley was running was a dangerous one. Six steps down and a slant. A recent operation to realign the bones in Darryl's neck left him with some feeling all over his body. He can lift his right arm and he can shrug his shoulders - but those movements involve nerves located above the injured area. He cannot feel pain and according to the experts in such cases that is an ominous sign.

"There is an inherent danger in playing any sport," says TMHS athletic director Sullivan. There is an inherent danger in my leaving the office and getting in my car. The public has to be made aware that kids have to grow up (make their own decisions) - that it is a scare for all of us as parents."

The idea that there is inherent danger in every day life is viable. What also must be recognized is that throwing your body at other people is not what I would call a routine everyday experience.

It is difficult to get a straight answer out of many football coaches regarding the nature and severity of injuries and why they occur. Most will deny vehemently that the game is too violent. It is the nature of the game's macho-image that the player - no matter how young - be able to take and dish out a certain amount of contact.

Coaches can cut down on some of the injury problems with proper coaching technique, frequent equipment checks and banishment of players for late hits. A push to knock a player out of bounds is too often

allowed by a swarm of teammates ready to nail the runner as he heads for the sideline. Coaches should see that the helmet is deemphasized. Their claim that an injury such as Stingley's is rare is no excuse for allowing players to fly headfirst at each other with abandon.

As long as the game of football is played the helmet will serve a dual purpose - as a protective device and a weapon. Unfortunately for some players - including Darryl Stingley - the protective equipment turned into the ultimate football weapon. Jack Tatum helped the head gear raise its ugly head - and Stingley was the victim, left unprotected by the violent nature of the game.

Day-to-day football helmet inspection check list

The National Federation of State High School Associations and the National Collegiate Athletic Association have both adopted rules making it mandatory, by 1980 and 1978 respectively, that all players wear football helmets meeting the standards of the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE). Part of that standard is a recommendation that all previously certified models be tested, repaired as necessary, and recertified for continued use.

Each player has an important responsibility, using either a new NOCSAE helmet or a used, recertified helmet, to make sure his helmet remains in certified condition. As part of a daily maintenance check, the following should be performed on every helmet every day.

Helmet must fit properly.

Coach to be notified immediately when headache occurs. Player should not be allowed to practice until headache disappears completely.

Check for stress cracks in the plastic shell.

Check for fixture cracks around the face protectors.

Check for broken or loose chin straps and face protector fixtures.

Check for face cages that have flattened out, or are holding the shell out of shape, causing a poor fit.

Check for nose snubbers missing or defective.

Check jaw pads for proper installation and snug fit.

Check to be sure chin straps are adjusted properly and have not stretched out of shape.

Check your particular helmet, as follows:

Recreation softball playoffs

Aslanis vs. North Wilmington Shell

Tonight (September 6) Aslanis Fisheries battles North Wilmington Shell in a special playoff game at 8 PM to determine the champion of the Wilmington Recreation Softball League. The two teams ended the round robin playoff tournament with 4-2 marks while Deming Way and Rocco's wound up post season play with 2-4 slates. In the event of a rainout the Aslanis-Shell playoff game will be played Thursday night with the same starting time.

In playoff action last week Shell bounced Deming Way 13-10 with Jim Busby leading the way with three hits, including a grand slam home run. John Kalkanajian banged a homer with a triple for the winners. Dick Ethier had three hits. Rusty Heubner was the winning pitcher over Dave Newhouse Sr. in the game that went eight innings. The winners scored six

runs in the top of the fourth to erase a 7-3 Deming Way lead.

Mens' one pitch

Wednesday, August 30-North Wilmington Shell 15, Sherwood Oil 5...Bob Noel and Aldo Caira rapped three hits apiece as Heubner rolled to a win over Paul O'Donnell. Art Sughrue had three hits for Sherwood Oil.

Tuesday, August 29-Compugraphic 19, Analog Devices 10...Ray Boutin slashed two hits and Bob Gibaldo bested Bob Gillis in this nine inning slugfest. Gillis had a pair of hits for Analog.

Mason Oil 12, Doyle's Hardware 11...Chris DeLuca and Tony Gravalles each had three hits as Jim Hachey was the winner over Kris Hinxman. Mark Blaisdell had a double and a triple for the tough luck losers.

Wilmington Forms 14, Compugraphic 9...Tom Aprile rapped three hits as Pete Shano edged Rick Egan on the mound. Dennis Morrissey had three hits for Compugraphic.

Masonic Gang 15, Sweetheart Grunts 5...Jim Cannon and Mike Whalen slapped three hits apiece in support of winning pitcher Herb Wallace. Walter Cantwell had two hits for Sweetheart. Rogie Durand was the losing pitcher.

Womens' one-pitch

Wednesday, August 30-Senior Recs 6, Junior Recs 5...Laurie Hastings banged two hits and drove home the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning as Joan Welch held on for the win. Linda Rudnicki had four hits for the winners.

Dymographics 24, Mason Oil 15...Pat Pintrich powered five hits including a three run homer as Dymo

banged away early and often in support of pitcher Helen Norquist. Norquist rapped four hits to help her own cause. Losing pitcher Kathy Boylen slapped two hits.

Wilmington Rec Softball League Round Robin

Aslanis Fisheries	4-2
North Wilmington Shell	4-2
Deming Way	2-4
Rocco's	2-4

Aslanis and North Wilmington Shell will play special playoff game on Wednesday, September 6 at 8 p.m. for the league title.

Mens' one-pitch

Semifinals

Wilmington Forms vs Mason Oil;
North Wilmington Shell vs Masonic Gang.

Letter to the Sports Editor

Dear Rick:

On Monday evening, Sept. 11, the Wilmington High School Boosters Association begins a new season at the Mildred Rogers School (Silver Lake) at eight o'clock.

James Martin, the new athletic director, will attend this meeting.

For the last half dozen years, the same eight or 10 people have struggled to keep this organization alive. As most Wilmington people are aware the Boosters operate the concession stand at football games; prepare the football program; provide jackets and team photos to championship teams, and most important, present generous scholarships to four or five student athletes at graduation each year.

Some of last year's officers are unable to assume their positions this year. For the association to survive and grow, new members (not necessarily for officer positions) are urgently needed. Who is eligible for membership? Anyone interested in our high school student athletes. We would hope that parents of students going out for fall and winter sports might be willing to come out this Monday evening to see, first hand, what the Boosters Club is all about. There is not a lot of work involved and there is only one meeting each month on the second Monday at 8 p.m., at the Mildred Rogers School.

We expect that there must be more than 10 people in this town who are interested enough to give our high school teams and athletes just one hour a month.

Sincerely,
Hugh Wiberg



The hard
work begins

Wilmington High line coach Jim Gillis instructs his troops on what will be an important phase of the Cat's comeback trail.

Suspension
Check for rivets and rivet covers loose or missing.
Check suspension for torn threads or stretched material. Stand-off distance to be sufficient at all points.
Check crown rope for proper adjustment and tightly tied in square knot.

Padded and Air Padded
Check interior padding making certain it is near original condition and not deteriorating.

Check for cracks in clear vinyl coating of air padded helmets.

Check protective foam has not been cut away from padded parts.

Caution: Only paints, waxes, or cleaning agents approved by the manufacturers are to be used on any helmet. It is possible to get a severe or delayed reaction between unauthorized materials which could permanently damage the helmet shell and affect its safety performance.

Little League registrations

Wilmington Little League registrations will be held on Wednesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 7 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Rotary Park. Boys and girls interested in playing baseball or softball must register at this time.

To be eligible, youngsters must be nine years old before August 1, 1979 and cannot be 13 years old before August 1, 1979. Anyone who played in the majors or the softball league and is eligible next year must also register. Registration next spring will be limited to new residents of Wilmington.

There is a \$5.00 equipment fee for each child (maximum of \$10.00 per family). First time registrants must have a birth certificate. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

Little League tryouts

Tryouts for the 1979 Wilmington Little League season have been announced and the dates for each age group must be adhered to. All tryouts will be held at Rotary Park. Anyone already assigned to a major league team need not attend these sessions.

In order to be eligible for selection to a major league team, you must attend the appropriate tryout. Participants must be nine years old before August 1, 1979 and cannot be 13 years old before August 1, 1979.

Tryout schedule

Age 12: Friday, September 8, 5:30 p.m.
Age nine: Saturday, September 9, 9:00 a.m.
Age 11: Monday, September 11, 5:30 p.m. (last name A-L).
Age 10: Friday, September 15, 5:30 p.m. (last name M-Z).
Age 10: Saturday, September 16, 9:00 a.m.

Soccer Jamboree September 10

The third annual Merrimack Valley Conference Soccer Jamboree is slated for September 10 at Chelmsford's McCarthy Junior High School Field. The Jamboree starting time is 4 p.m.

Ten MVC teams will play five games consisting of two 18 minute halves.

The pairings pit Tewksbury (6-9-2) against Austin Prep (2-11-3); Wilmington (13-4-1) vs St. Johns Prep of Danvers (3-11-2); defending MVC champ Billerica against Lawrence High (4-11-1); Andover (11-3-5) vs Greater Lawrence Regional and Chelmsford (6-6-4) vs Methuen (5-7-4).

Wilmington and Andover both qualified for the Eastern Mass. Tourney while Billerica advanced to the Eastern Mass Division I championship game before losing to Needham High.

HOCKEY TRYOUTS

Inter-town team tryouts will be held at Wilmington Youth Ice Arena September 9, 10, and 11. Register at door. Please show up 20-30 minutes before ice time.

Sat. Sept. 9 and Monday Sept. 11



Squirts 6:00 P.M.
PeeWee 7:00 P.M.
Bantam 8:00 P.M.
Midget (all) 9:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 10

Squirts 1:00 P.M.
PeeWee 2:00 P.M.
Bantam 3:00 P.M.
Midget (all) 4:00 P.M.

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Cross country preps at Cape

Seventeen of Wilmington's finest distance runners made their annual trek to coach Frank Kelley's cross-country camp in South Yarmouth last week. Assistant coach Bob Cripps and public relations aces Chris Tannian and Mark Warren accompanied the team on the annual summer trip.

The training consisted of 13 miles a day, six of which were run in the morning, with the remaining seven miles to be run off before supper.

This is the fifth consecutive year that coach Kelley has invited his runners to the Cape. Each year they find that although the workouts are tough, leisure time is available before returning home for the 1978 Wildcat cross country campaign. The days are spent on the beaches while the nights are passed at the drive-in or in the many recreational facilities along Route 28.

John Mucci, who totaled 685 miles last summer, has been hampered by injuries thus far. Despite his injuries John finished sixth in the Junior Olympics and may still qualify for the 500 mile club again this year. There are also 12 WHS runners nearing the 500 mile mark for the summer. There probably would have been twice that number had it not been for the nagging injuries.

This year's team has possibilities although it lacks the depth of last year's club that placed second in the MVC. Kelley urges that WHS students give the cross country team a shot. The WHS coach would like to see this year's team exceed the WHS record of 81 runners.



Coaches and tri-captains

The Wilmington coaches and tri-captains will be responsible for leading a young Wildcats team into the MVC season starting September 23 with Austin Prep.

The captains, l-r: Phil Russo, Sal Carbone and Tom Carroll. The Wildcat coaching staff, rear, l-r: Jim Gillis, Bernie McKenna, Ed Harrison and John Ritchie.

Wilmington SPORTS

Backs key young Wildcat squad

First year Wilmington High School football coach John Ritchie returned from his team's Freedom, New Hampshire camp assured that he will have some talented people in the backfield and a young, raw team sprinkled with just six seniors.

The Wildcats scrimmaged Winthrop to close out last week's camp and this week the team has preseason workouts scheduled at Reading (September 6) and at home against Lowell Saturday morning (September 9) starting at 10 a.m. The team concludes its preseason schedule with a scrimmage against Stoneham September 22. Stoneham and Wilmington have battled each other in a traditional non-league opener before Stoneham dropped the Cats from their schedule this fall.

The young Wildcats began at-home workouts this week in preparation for their Merrimack Valley Conference opener against Austin Prep September 23.

The starting backfield is set while the fight for jobs in the offensive and defensive lines continues. Ritchie and coaches Jim Gillis (line), Ed Harrison (offensive backs) and Bernie McKenna (defensive backfield) will have the task of sorting out the 44 players before the MVC opener.

Winthrop was a good test and Ritchie came away with some thoughts on the play of the offense. "I was impressed by the way the line carried out their assignments, now it's just a matter of sustaining blocks. We did a lot of things real well," added the 'rookie' head man with over 20 years of experience as an assistant coach behind him.

Ritchie reported that junior quarterback John Robarge was on target for most of the Winthrop scrimmage and that junior halfback Chris Briggs ran well. Austin Prep transfer Dave Ballou impressed the coaching staff with his speed out of the quarterback position. Dave is a backup to Robarge, but Ritchie says that he wouldn't hesitate to use the junior in running situations.

Tri-captains Phil Russo (halfback), Tom Carroll (guard) and Sal Carbone (halfback) will add some experience to a team that will have to work hard to crack the .500 mark according to Ritchie. Russo will team with Robarge, Briggs and senior fullback Tim Moran in a backfield that looks to be the Wildcats strong point.

Next week - A more in-depth look at this Wildcat team looking to rebound from last fall's 4-5-1 season.

Sports comment

The helmet-protection or weapon?

by Rick Cooke
Contact is made and a noise like a small firecracker explosion can be heard by surprisingly very few teammates on the practice field. Blood trickles down the nape of the player's neck and he checks first for damage to himself - and then for the damage to his most important piece of equipment as a football player. The helmet has cracked on both sides close to the ear. Head-on contact between a defensive and offensive lineman has caused major damage to the helmet - it is a complete trash can case - but thankfully there is minor damage to the athlete.

I was that Tewksbury High defensive lineman lucky enough to escape with two small cuts on the right side of my face. I kept that obviously defective helmet that probably should have been discarded long before I put it on my head as the necessary means of saving whatever brains I had at that point in my life. You see, I had been playing with that helmet that already had a small crack developing in one ear hole for two weeks. I was lucky.

Since the time of my experience with what is often called a weapon of warfare by those who deplore the increasing violence in football, athletic directors, coaches, trainers and the players themselves are being more careful in the selection and fitting of proper head gear that could mean the difference between a serious injury or just a few seconds when your bell is ringing. There were many times in 1973 when I wobbled around for a few

seconds after taking a severe blow to the head. On one occasion pulling guard Ted Fantini caught me with a real shot to the head on a nice trap block. I actually had a buzzing in both ears for at least one minute and I had to sit out the next series of practice plays. With the helmet I was momentarily "buzzed" - without it it's a safe bet that they would have had to carry me off on a stretcher. But the point here is that many players on that 1973 Tewksbury High School football team used the helmet primarily as a weapon.

What was originally designed as a means of protection "in case" you should make contact with your head has now become a weapon for many players when they know they "should be" driving through an opponent with their heads. I don't see how you can eliminate this problem unless officials ban all head contact. Try and tell that to most football coaches, most fans, and many players - and the end result will be that it is impossible to take violent head contact away from the game. It has been taught by too many coaches for too long. Too many fans have come to expect it, and too many players have it ingrained in them that driving through an opponent with your head is the best way to warn him that he better stay clear of you if he expects to survive the full four

periods of play.

The recent injury and subsequent paralysis of Patriots' receiver Darryl Stingley has caused coaches, athletic directors and concerned parents to think twice about the quality of protective football equipment while also looking at the nature of the sport.

If a youngster wants to play football it is often times difficult for the parents to say no. It has always been thought of as a healthy activity for most young men in good health.

Wilmington has always been a hotbed for football with the soccer program serving as an excellent alternative for parents who are concerned about the gridiron game being too violent.

Tewksbury High School athletic director Michael Sullivan talked about football and injuries in relation to his team as they were getting set for their preseason opener last Saturday afternoon in Brattleboro, Vermont after a week of camp in Brownsville.

"Football will always be a part of Tewksbury," says Sullivan. "I've heard parents who played tell their kids 'I've come out of it alright' and I've heard other people who played opt to conjoin their kids into playing soccer. People who are moving to Tewksbury are coming from hotbeds of soccer. They now ask where is your

soccer program...not do you have a soccer program...as they did three years ago." Sullivan did admit there is the possibility of getting kicked in the head while playing soccer - without any head gear of course.

Most area high school football players wear the Riddell TK-2 Tak-29 suspension helmets. The suspension helmet is essentially nylon or rope cords that hold the head in place while enabling the plastic shell of the helmet to take the blow. (see picture this page) Some football teams use the air and liquid helmets or head gear with padding or air padding (the Riddell Pac-2).

After each season all of the equipment - including the helmets - is reconditioned and tested to make sure that it is safe. In two years no helmet may be used by a high school team that doesn't have a NOCSAE (National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment) seal of approval - meaning that the equipment must be tested and retested to make sure that it is safe for the player.

The testing process is at least a means of providing parents with some assurance that their youngsters will be playing with the best equipment possible.

A good helmet is an important part of football's violent nature. Athletic directors would be wise to tell their coaches - in all sports - that there is always an "inherent danger" in playing any game.

Sullivan has sent a memo to his football coaching staff telling them that the "helmet in the numbers" technique has been singled out by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) as an extremely dangerous technique.

Thankfully, some football teams have begun emphasizing roll blocks with more shoulder than head involved. The fact is however that during the heat of a game a player can not always react with the proper tackling or blocking technique. Many

football players have a natural tendency toward lowering their heads and driving for that extra few yards.

Sullivan explained to his coaches in his memo dated August 25, 1978 that court cases involving player injuries have increased by 61% in the last two years. Several cases have found coaches negligent because they either failed to instruct proper techniques or instructed methods that the courts found to be responsible for the injuries. Sullivan mentions in the memo that in one such case involving an injured player stated that the player had not been warned that there was a danger of injury involved in playing football. In another case a football coach in Thornburg, Iowa was sued for 1.3 million because a boy was injured on the practice field.

Another by-product of the violent nature of the game is product liability. Injured players in recent years have sued the manufacturers of sporting equipment after a serious injury has occurred. This problem is driving many sporting goods manufacturers into the red and may mean the end of many sports - including football - according to Tom Ecker, Coordinator of Athletics in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa community school system.

Howard Bruns, president of the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, says in Eckert's article, "Will We Allow the Courts to Kill Sports?", that "the doctrine of strict liability is being interpreted to mean a manufacturer's product no longer needs to be at fault to be guilty, but simply needs to be involved in an accident."

Two years ago the Riddell company was ordered to pay \$5,300,000 to a high school football player paralyzed during a game. Riddell helmets are used by 20 of the 28 professional teams, including the New England Patriots.

Eckert in his article comments: "If as many coaches contend the Riddell helmet is as good as any football

helmet available today (Sullivan agrees with this) and it has been 'judged defective' then every helmet in the nation could be considered defective. And if multi-million dollar judgements continue to be awarded for neck injuries in football, then the helmet manufacturers have two options: either charge exorbitant prices for helmets - prices that no schools could afford to pay - or stop making helmets. Either choice will mean the end of the game."

Jeffrey O'Connell, the University of Illinois law professor who authored the original no-fault auto insurance legislation, suggests the development of a no-fault system for product liability.

In Eckert's piece O'Connell says: "People who are injured should be paid regardless of whether they are at fault or if the product is defective. The manufacturers and the retailer would still be paying, just as the Workmen's Compensation employers pay, so there would still be deterrents to producing unsafe products. But we wouldn't end up spending more than 60 per cent of the insurance dollar on legal fees and insurance overhead. We'd use the money to pay people who are tragically injured."

So when unnecessary violence - or even a clean hit as defined by the game - results in a serious injury, the player, the coaching staff and the manufacturer of the protective equipment all stand to suffer.

The concern first and foremost should be with the player. Money rewarded from a manufacturer can not make up for a serious injury. Good coaching and the proper equip-

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Candlewood Lanes, No. Reading, regrettably announces the cancellation of all summer house league functions. For dues refunds, members may call 944-9145 or at the house of Marge MacNeil - 656 Haverhill St., Reading - between 4-7 p.m. Monday - Friday.

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'Mongolian' party
The Tewksbury Rotary Club will hold a 'Mongolian' party Saturday, September 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McKinnon, Whipple Road. Starting time is 3 p.m. and reservations must be made this week.

Cliff and Jenny
Cliff and Jenny Downs of Haverhill Street, North Reading never had children of their own, but they spent the entire 50 years of their marriage being kind, thoughtful and generous to innumerable nieces and nephews, a group which includes (among others) the Wilmington Downs'es; the Shawshen Street, Tewksbury Downs'es and the Ralph Bettis' of Main Street, Tewksbury.

Sunday afternoon, Aunt Jenny and Uncle Cliff were the surprised guests of honor at a



Stay cool, guys

Tewksbury High School soccer coach Steve Levine tells his team to keep calm and get on the attack between periods of Monday morning's scrimmage in Wakefield.

50th wedding anniversary held for them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clesson Downs of Shawshen Street, Tewksbury. Nearly 100 friends and relatives were on hand to join

in the festivities during which many lovely gifts including a money tree were presented to the radiant couple who said they never, never expected to celebrate their 50th in such a momentous fashion.

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Busser hustles in Wakefield

Tewksbury's Paul Busser (right) hustles for a loose ball against a Wakefield team that gave coach Steve Levine's Redmen a tough workout.

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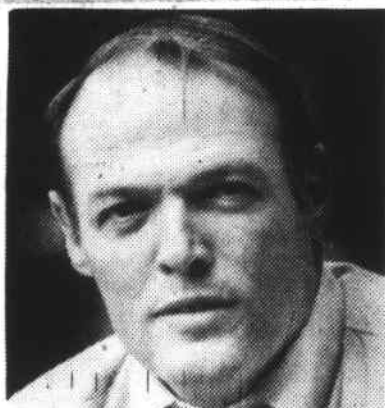
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obituaries

Mary Richards, formerly of Wilmington

Mrs. Mary Richards, of 16 Middle Street, Lowell died at St. John's Hospital on Wednesday following a brief illness.

Mrs. Richards, who was 77 years of age at the time of her death, was born in Lawrence and had lived in Wilmington for many years prior to taking up residence in Tewksbury about five years ago. She had lived in Lowell for the past eight months.

Mrs. Richards was the widow of Albert S. Richards and is survived by her eight children: Albert, William and James all of Seabrook, New Hampshire; John of

Wilmington, Mrs. Nicholas (Gertrude) Greeley of Waltham; Mrs. Jack (Mary Alice) Lehman and Mrs. Clesson (Doris) Downs, both of Tewksbury and Mrs. Eugene (Irene) Murphy of Woburn. Sixteen grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral was held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main Street, Wilmington on Friday, September 1 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas Church at 10 which was celebrated by the Rev. Father Francis W. Mackin. Burial took place in the family lot, Wildwood Cemetery.

Donna D. Coontz memorial Sunday

Mrs. Donna D. Coontz (Dreitzler), a resident of 30 Glen Road, Wilmington for 29 years, passed away suddenly at Winchester Hospital on Saturday, September 2.

Born in Finlay, Ohio 93 years ago, Mrs. Coontz was a graduate of Oberlin College. She was the wife of the Rev. Herbert T. Coontz, a retired Methodist minister, and the mother of Mrs. Patricia May of Lexington. Four

grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Coontz was a member of the W.S.C.S. of the Methodist Church, and of the Wilmington Women's Club.

Memorial services will be held at the Wilmington Methodist Church on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Richard Evans officiating. Arrangements are by the Nichols Funeral Home of Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington.

Pauline Bowley died in Tewksbury

Pauline L. Bowley, 90, of Tewksbury died on August 31 at Tewksbury Hospital. She was born in Gloucester the daughter of the late Andrew Edmondson, but had lived in Tewksbury for the past 43 years, where she was active in American Legion Post 259 Auxiliary.

Mrs. Bowley is survived by her two sons, Edward Bowley,

the proprietor of Tewksbury Metals and Auto Parts and John Bowley of California; six daughters, Pauline Bason of Billerica, Mary Small, Carolien Zannoni, Marie Johnston all of New Hampshire; Betty Pazzola of Gloucester and Elizabeth Smith of Lowell.

She also leaves 32 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Catherine L. Jop, widow of Walter

Catherine L. Jop, widow of Walter Jop who died July 18, died suddenly August 31 at her home, 134 River Road, Tewksbury.

She was born in Lowell, the daughter of the late John S. and the late Elizabeth (Coyle) Kane, but had lived in Tewksbury for many years.

Surviving are her two sons, Walter Jop Jr., a police officer in Tewksbury and John Jop, a security officer at St. John's Hospital both of Tewksbury; one daughter, Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Cassano of Boxford; one brother, John Kane, a captain in Lowell Fire Dept.; one sister, Madeline Delmarta of Tewksbury. Three grandchildren also survive.

Regional Health Center in Wilmington

Friends, relatives and loved ones honored by contributions in their memory to the Regional Health Center in Wilmington this week include:

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In memory of Joseph Fitzpatrick, from Jeanne and Joe Sottile (Chelmsford).

In memory of Joseph Fitzpatrick, from Mrs. Helen Cunningham.

In memory of Allen Kincaid, father of Byron Kincaid from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bent.

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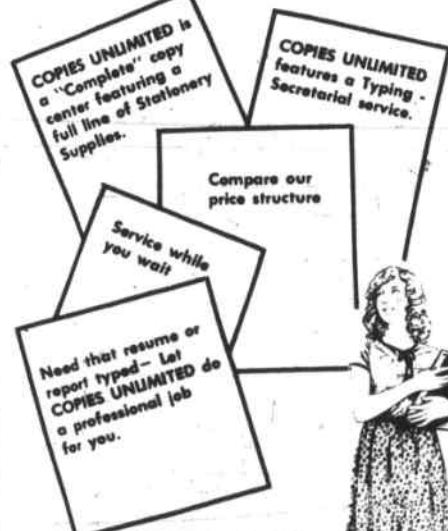
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In determining who is eligible, school officials will use family size and income as the criteria. The criteria is as follows:

Family Size (All members of household)	Maximum Gross Income for Free Milk & Free Meals	Maximum Gross Income for Reduced Price Meals
One	0 to 4,190	4,191 to 6,530
Two	0 to 5,500	5,501 to 8,580
Three	0 to 6,810	6,811 to 10,630
Four	0 to 8,110	8,111 to 12,680
Five	0 to 9,310	9,311 to 14,530
Six	0 to 10,510	10,511 to 16,400
Seven	0 to 11,600	11,601 to 18,100
Eight	0 to 12,690	12,691 to 19,790
Nine	0 to 13,680	13,681 to 21,330
Ten	0 to 14,660	14,661 to 22,870
Eleven	0 to 15,640	15,641 to 24,390
Twelve	0 to 16,610	16,611 to 25,910
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Families at or below the given figures of income will be eligible for milk and meals free or at reduced prices. Many families who do not

meet the criteria are also encouraged to apply if they have special hardship conditions causing high expenses. Applications may be sub-

mitted at any time during the school year and all applications will be reviewed by Dr. Pierce to determine eligibility.

Former Wilmington man sought on murder charges

Haverhill and State Police are looking for a former Wilmington man in connection with the Saturday shooting death of a Haverhill restaurant worker.

Police are searching for clues to the whereabouts of Harry A. Parker, 42, of 358 Primrose Street, Haverhill. Prior to taking up residence in that city approximately nine years ago, Parker lived for many years in Wilmington.

According to police, Parker allegedly shot Lewis Adam-

poulos, 54, of Kingston, N.H. at a Primrose Street restaurant, Jack O's Pizza, shortly before 11 p.m. Saturday. Adamopoulos was an employee of the restaurant.

Witnesses said that Parker spoke to Adamopoulos, requesting him to fire Parker's estranged wife, also an employee of the restaurant. When Adamopoulos refused, Parker is alleged to have shot him with a .22 caliber rifle. A struggle between the two ensued and Adamopoulos grabbed the rifle causing bullets to fall to the floor, police said.

The two then rushed outside and witnesses said they heard more shots.

At one point, Parker is alleged to have returned to the restaurant threatening to shoot everyone inside. However, police said his gun failed to fire, saving several lives.

In the restaurant at the time of the incident were six peo-

ple, including Parker's estranged wife and her step daughter.

"We could have had a mass murder," said Haverhill Police Chief Daniel M. Fasulo. "All the bullets fell out of the gun so only two shots were fired."

According to police, Parker had been arrested earlier the same day after his estranged wife reported he had threatened her with bodily harm. He was released, however, on a \$500 non-surety bond.

Police are presently searching Haverhill and surrounding towns. In addition, they have reason to believe the suspect may attempt to escape across the Canadian border.

Adamopoulos, a former resident of Bradford, Mass., was an engineer with Western Electric Company for more than 20 years. He leaves three sisters, all residents of New Hampshire.

Wilmington school cafeteria menus

Thursday: Orange Juice, Grilled Cheeseburger on Roll, Buttered Corn, French Fries, Cookies and Milk.

Friday: Chilled Punch, Turkey Salad on Roll, Potato Chips, Coleslaw or Butter Vegetable, Ice Cream and Milk.

Monday: Chilled Fruit, Italian Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Buttered Green Beans, French Bread and Butter, Cookies and Milk.

Tuesday: Hot Turkey and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Peas and Carrots, Bread and Butter, Jello with Topping and Milk.

Wednesday: American Submarine, Potato Sticks, Carrots and Celery Sticks, Scooter Pie and Milk.

Thursday: Orange Juice, Crispy Fish Bites, French Fries, Coleslaw, Bread and Butter, Dessert and Milk.

Friday: Chilled Punch, Italian Style Pizza (Tomato and Cheese), Salad or Vegetables, Ice Cream and Milk.

No injuries in auto accident

A North Reading man escaped injury last Saturday when he lost control of his vehicle and took down part of a guard rail on Middlesex Avenue in North Wilmington.

Donald A. Dewar Jr., 18, Redmond Avenue, North Reading, told police he was driving along Middlesex Avenue at approximately 10:30 Saturday night when an unknown car approached from behind and bumped his rear bumper.

According to Dewar, he was forced to accelerate to get

away from the second vehicle thereby coming into the curve of the road in North Wilmington too fast.

Dewar said when he tried to slow down, he lost control of his 1971 Dodge hardtop and slid into the guard rail backward, destroying approximately 20 feet of it.

No one was injured in the accident and Dewar proceeded on his way. His car was later located by Wilmington police officer Dennis Rooney at the intersection of Shady Lane Drive and Pinewood Road.

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The 'Betsy Ross' of the Senior Citizens

by Elaine DePasquale

The bustle is over. The cheers are dying down. Mae Roy Perry lives a quiet life now, taking turns staying at the homes of each of her children.

But the peppery, 75-year-old lady hasn't forgotten the glory of other years, when she was known as the modern-day Betsy Ross - when the flag she designed for senior citizens brought her fame, recognition and the pride of accomplishment - when invitations for public appearances came along one after another as though they'd never end.

And it could be that it will soon begin again, for Mrs. Perry's flag is now being considered as the design for a new U.S. Postal Service stamp.

It all started 14 years ago, when Mrs. Perry (then Mae Roy) decided to become involved in the Woburn Golden Agers' preparations for a Halloween parade.

After making 800 paper flowers to cover the Golden Age float, she went downstairs to the 'cellar kitchen' of her Marion Street, Wilmington home and 'threw together' the crowning touch, a senior citizens' flag.

It was of sky blue material intended to represent the oceans and bore three stars to indicate the heavens. Superimposed upon it were the words 'senior citizens' and two elderly figures whom Mrs. Perry calls Ma and Pa. Three sides of the flag were fringed in gold to suggest 'our rich country.'

The float, and the flag, won first place that chilly October Day in 1964 and then went on to make history.

According to Mrs. Perry, she received so many calls about the flag from people who had seen it in the parade, she decided to send it to President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The President liked the flag and suggested Mrs. Perry patent it and submit it to the Senior Citizens of America.

On Lincoln's birthday in 1965, Joy Elmer Morgan, president of the Senior Citizens of America, wrote to tell her his organization was delighted with her flag and would be pleased to adopt it for senior citizens all over America.

"You are the real Betsy Ross of the Senior Citizens of America," Morgan wrote. "You have great energy and vision."

The first official unveiling of Mrs. Perry's flag came the following May, Senior Citizens' Month, in Lawrence, Mass. On hand for the occasion were then Governor John Volpe and former

Congressman Thomas Lane. The mayor of Lawrence presented her with a golden key to the city and her flag flew from atop City Hall for the entire month.

Mrs. Perry and her flag were also part of a gigantic 1965 Memorial Day parade in Newburyport.

"When I came down the street, the church bells chimed hymns for one half hour," she said, wistfully recalling the event.

Later that same year the energetic Wilmington woman led several busloads of senior citizens to the grave of President Kennedy to place one of her flags there.

Since then, the flag has flown at many conventions, movie premieres and expositions, won prizes and trophies, and decorated the caskets of senior citizens.

The first funeral director to request her flag, said Mrs. Perry, neglected to tell her who would use it. When she brought the flag to the funeral home, he motioned her inside to see where it would be placed. In shocked surprise she discovered it was for her own brother, Allen E. Young.

Others, both groups and individuals, have also purchased the flag from Mrs. Perry who says she now holds an exclusive patent on its manufacture.

In Billerica, the senior citizens organization there purchased one and presented it to the town. A copy of it graces the 1971 Town Report.

One lady, purchased a flag because, she said, it held so much meaning for her. Born in Greece, she immigrated to the United States in 1912, met and married her husband here and worked with him to establish a business. Her great love for America prompted her to say "This is my flag and I shall lie under it."

According to Mrs. Perry, the flag is for all citizens of America, born or naturalized. The word "senior," she says, stands for the three stages in an adult's life: senior in high school, senior in college and senior citizens.

Mrs. Perry was a great fan of the late President Johnson, having written to tell him her views on everything from water pollution to energy sources. Her letters were always graciously acknowledged.

Both the former President and his wife, Ladybird, wore lapel pins designed by Mrs. Perry with the flag's insignia.

One of Mrs. Perry's most cherished possessions is a hand-signed letter from LBJ expressing their thanks for her gift.



It was a happy day in May for Mae Roy Perry, when in May, 1965, then-Governor John Volpe helped her unfurl her flag for the Senior Citizens of America. The design of the flag is now under consideration for a postage stamp.

"We are both pleased and delighted by your thoughtful gesture," the President wrote, "and only regret it was not possible to arrange a personal presentation of this gift."

Mrs. Perry was born and raised in Wilmington and spent most of her life on the family farm located on the Marion Street Extension off Chestnut Street. She was married five times and raised 19 children, 10 of her own and nine stepchildren. Her full name reads like a page from the telephone book, Mae Lillian Young Burns Trask Doherty Roy Perry.

Her most recent marriage, which took place only nine years ago, was most in keeping with her historical reputation. In 1969, the modern-day Betsy Ross married George Washington Perry.

Now widowed, Mrs. Perry has no intention of retiring from activity. She sees further promotions from her flag just down the road and is already thinking about writing a book on her experiences.

"I want to stay with it as long as I can," said the sprightly septuagenarian.



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The sign is a bit premature. Before the men from A-1 Construction can build a show place home for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, they must remove the Johnsons' former home on High Street, North Wilmington, which was badly damaged in an April fire. Don DeFilippo is shown loading debris into the dumpster. The Johnson family, meanwhile, is living in the trailer in the background.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in the Whitefield School, Middlesex Avenue, in the office of the Conservation Commission on Thursday, September 14, 1978, at 8:30 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 131, Section 40, as amended, on the application of James Tighe, PO Box 504, Wilmington, Massachusetts, to fill low area as shown on plans and construct swales to divert surface water from its present location into swampy area in rear lot. Land shown on Assessor's Map 19, Parcel 11, Aldrich Road, Chester A. Bruce, Chmn. Conservation Comm.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PROBATE COURT

Middlesex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Frank Antonio Carta late of Wilmington in said County, deceased. A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Frank Edward Carta of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex praying that he be appointed executor thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixteenth day of September 1978, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Edward T. Martin, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of August 1978.

Paul J. Cavanaugh, Register

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PROBATE COURT

Middlesex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Brian Thomas Gates of Wilmington in said County, deceased. A petition has been presented to said Court by George R. Veloso, Junior and Nancy A. Veloso his wife, of Wilmington in said County, praying for leave to adopt said Brian Thomas Gates a child of Thomas D. Gates of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex and that the name of said child be changed to Brian Veloso.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixteenth day of October 1978, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Edward T. Martin, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fifth day of August 1978.

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Middlesex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of George E. Keough late of Wilmington in said County, deceased. A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that Frances D. Keough of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex be appointed administratrix of said estate, without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-ninth day of September, 1978, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Edward T. Martin, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of August 1978.

Paul J. Cavanaugh, Register

A30, S6, 13

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PROBATE COURT

Middlesex, ss. Lowell, June 23, 1978. Taken on execution and will be sold by public auction on the 28th day of September 1978, on Thursday at 10:30 o'clock A.M. at the SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 199 MARKET STREET, LOWELL, County of Middlesex, all the right, title and interest that said Carol P. Griffiths AKA Carol A. Middleton of 573 South Street in the Town of Tewksbury County of Middlesex, had (not exempt by law from levy on execution or from attachment) on the 23rd day of May 1978, being the time when the same was seized on execution, in and to the following described real estate, to wit: Book 1860 Page 280.

THE LAND IN TEWKSBURY, with the buildings thereon, being shown as Lot 38 Grasshopper Lane, as shown on a plan entitled "Sub-Division Plan of Chandler Street Area, Tewksbury, Mass.", dated December 22, 1963. Dana Perkins & Sons, Inc., Surveyors, recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Book of Plans 84, Plan 44, and bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHEASTERLY, in a curved line to two courses by Grasshopper Lane, 43.70 feet; SOUTHERLY by said Grasshopper Lane, 61.91 feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by said Grasshopper Lane, 61.91 feet; NORTHERLY by Lot 39, as shown on said plan, 96.24 feet; and NORTHEASTERLY by Lot 37, as shown on said plan, 85.11 feet. Containing 12,849 square feet of land according to said plan.

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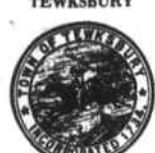
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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



BOARD OF APPEALS

LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, September 25, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. on the application of Bradford Realty Trust for a variance from the requirements of Section 6, Paragraph 6.2b and Section 5, Paragraph 5.3.4c of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaws regarding a 3600 square foot, 2-story addition located at 833 Main Street, premises located in a light industrial district.

Robert A. Greenleaf, Chairman

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON



BOARD OF APPEALS

OFFICIAL MAP

S-878

A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall Annex, 150 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, on September 26, 1978, at 7:30 p.m., on the application of Noreen R. Pinkston, 7 Fairfield Road, Wilmington, to acquire a variance to construct a single family dwelling on land owned by Noreen R. Pinkston, on a way known as First Street, (shown on Assessors' Map 11, Parcel 20) and not shown on the Official Map (G.L. ch. 41, S. 81E).

Bruce MacDonald, Chmn.

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OFFICIAL MAP

S-878

A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall Annex, 150 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, on September 26, 1978, at 7:30 p.m., on the application of John Amaro, Trustee, Amaro Realty Trust, 2 Forest Street, Wilmington, to construct a single family dwelling on land owned by John Amaro, Trustee, Amaro Realty Trust, on a way known as Newland Avenue (shown on Assessors' Map 32 Parcel 33) and not shown on the Official Map (G.L. ch. 41, S. 81E).

Bruce MacDonald, Chmn.

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BOARD OF APPEALS

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S-878

A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall Annex, 150 Middlesex Avenue, on Tuesday Evening, September 26, 1978, at 7:00 p.m., on the application of Frederick L. Jaeschke, 7 Pleasant Street, to acquire a variance from section V-1 (Schedule of Requirements) to install an inground swimming pool within a required side yard. (Assessors' Map 88 Lot 82)

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Mark Trager will remain at Lackland



Airman Mark T. Trager, son of Mrs. Johanna G. Trager of 814 Chandler St., Tewksbury has graduated at

Lackland AFB, Tex., from Air Force basic training. The airman, who will remain at Lackland for specialized training in the communications-electronics field, studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. Completion of this training earned the individual credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Trager is a 1977 graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School. His father, William T. Trager, lives at 54 Boylston Lane, Lowell.

Warren Prescott, Jr. graduates basic



Airman Warren E. Prescott Jr., son of Warren E. Prescott Sr. of 420 Foster Road, Tewksbury has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., after completing Air Force basic

training. During the six weeks at Lackland AFB, Tex., the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. Completion of this training earned the individual credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Prescott will now receive specialized training in the munitions and weapons maintenance field.

The airman is a 1978 graduate of Shawheen Tech. His mother, Mrs. Dawn Prescott, lives at 1805 S. Cutler Drive, Tempe, Arizona.

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Birthdays

Although she's been claiming the day longer, Mrs. Ella Hemen of Lowell Street, Wilmington will have to share her September 10 birthday with at least two other Wilmington residents - Nancy Phillips of Ballardvale Street who will be old enough to vote on September 10 and Loretta Daniels of Salem Street.

Christopher Sullivan of Woburn Street, Wilmington will face a birthday cake glowing with five candles on September 11.

Jim Maher of Boisvert Road, Tewksbury will be old enough to vote on September 11 and will share greetings with Patty Whitney of Salem Street, Wilmington who will be celebrating for the 14th time on the same day.

Christine Weed of Cunningham Street, Wilmington will be serenaded by friends and relatives for the 12th time on September 12.

At least five Wilmington residents and one from Tewksbury will be observing birthdays on September 13.

Lisa Giroux of Aldrich Road, Wilmington will be old enough to vote on September 13; Barbara Brookings of Marcia Road will be celebrating on the same day along with Peter Cetera of Lawrence Street; Lisa Squillante of Main Street who will be celebrating for the sixth time; Mike LaCava of Crest Avenue who will blow out the candles for the ninth time and Jane Thibodeau of Patriot Road, Tewksbury.

In spite of his prior claim, Tom O'Connors of Chestnut Street, Wilmington will have to share his September 14 birthday with at least two other Wilmington residents -

Kim Dineen of Crest Avenue and Michelle Valente of Chestnut Street. Michelle will be joining the teenage ranks on September 14.

Looks as though this will be a real birthday week for the LaCava's of Crest Avenue, Wilmington, with Mike celebrating on the 13th and 'kid' brother Matthew being serenaded for the fourth time on the 15th. Also celebrating on September 15 will be Michael Pacini of Boisvert Road, Tewksbury who will make it all the way to 17 and Walter Marlette of Boutwell Street, Wilmington.

Golden Age

It would appear that the only member of Wilmington's Golden Age Club on the current birthday list is Mrs. Sadie Thiel of Atlantic Avenue, who will be celebrating on September 11.

Anniversaries

Anne and Bernard Mahoney of Evans Drive, Wilmington will observe their 29th wedding anniversary on September 9 and will share greetings with Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Wallent of Middlesex Avenue who will be celebrating their 22nd on the same day.

Millie and Morris Spellman of West Street, Wilmington will dance the Anniversary Waltz for the 47th time on September 10.

The Spellman's will share their anniversary with a couple of mere beginners, Mr. and Mrs. James Boughman of Marion Street who will be celebrating for the second time on September 10.

Tony and Ginny Coviello of Salem Street, Tewksbury will mark their 38th anniversary

on September 10. Dot and Bob Peters of Grant Street, Wilmington will observe their 35th anniversary on September 12.

Barbara and Bob Corrieri of Salem Street, Tewksbury will dance the Anniversary Waltz for the 16th time on September 15 and will share greetings with Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan of Woburn Street, Wilmington.

The star

The Anniversary Star this week goes to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bernard of Oakridge Circle, Wilmington who celebrated for the 48th time on August 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard observed their anniversary at the White Mountain Hotel in Breton Wood, New

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Hampshire. The Bernard's are members of the Wilmington Golden Age Club and he serves on the Council on Aging.

Skating Club

The Wilmington Figure Skating Club will begin its 11th season at the Youth Ice Arena on Monday, September 25.

Lessons will be offered to all levels of skating, beginners to advanced, from ages six to adult.

There will be an open meeting for all parents at the Wilmington Library on Monday, September 11 at 8 p.m.

For applications or information call 657-4556, Monday through Wednesday, 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Christian Education program

The Christian Education Program at Wilmington United Methodist Church is ready to begin another year. There are educational opportunities for children from infancy to grade six.

The Rev. Dan Moore, assistant pastor of the church said, "This year will be better than ever. We have prepared seminar-type courses in Bible, Theology and Faith Development for our teachers in order to help them teach better. We stress the importance of the relationships between students and their teachers and this year are beginning some really comprehensive support of the

teachers in their teaching." When asked if others could take advantage of the teacher training, the Rev. Moore said that the Adult Education program would be open to all members and constituents of the church.

The School of Christian Living holds classes on Sunday mornings from 10 to 11 beginning on September 17.

Phyllis Tobey, the school's superintendent said, "We are encouraging everyone to register as soon as they can. We won't turn anyone away, but we do need some advance notice to be sure that each student has the proper classroom materials. Registration is easy. Just call 658-4519."

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Discussion on Drugs
A discussion on drugs will be held at the United Methodist Church, Wilmington on Monday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. The discussion will be led by Dr. McLean of Winchester Hospital. The public is invited.

"The King and I"

A festive evening highlighted by Nancy Debrun's monologue of "The King and I," will kick off the fall season for the St. Thomas Women's Club on Tuesday, September 15 beginning at 8:15 p.m. in the parish hall. Wine and cheese will be served.

From the fire log
Members of Wilmington's Fire Department answered 21 calls for assistance between August 28 and September 4 including:

Eleven ambulance runs; one building fire; three service calls; three brush fires; two car fires and one false alarm.

Paper drive
The Tewksbury DAV and the Tewksbury Firefighters will hold a joint paper drive September 9-10 and September 16-17 with papers to be left at the town DPW quarters.

Proceeds from the sale will be divided between the DAV's building fund and the Firefighters' contribution to the Muscular Dystrophy fund.

Back from New York
The Morris Spellman's of West Street, Wilmington have returned home following a week-long vacation in Saratoga, New York.

Traveling Billy
Billy Murphy of Crescent Street, Wilmington returned recently following a week-long visit with friends and relatives in Florida and immediately left for Squam, N.H. Billy returned from New Hampshire Sunday.

Visit Egypt
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wilson of Andover Street, Wilmington returned recently from an extended tour of Egypt during which they visited King Tut's tomb, the tomb of Ramses and traveled the Nile from Cairo to the Sudan. They later visited Kenya.

Hadassah meeting
September 13

On Wednesday evening, September 13, the Shawheen Valley Chapter of Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America, will hold its first meeting of the 1978-79 season at the Burlington Country Club.

Beginning at 8 p.m., chapter president Bobby Galani of Bedford will welcome new and re-enrolled members. Paula Gold, Chief of the

Public Protection Bureau (Mass. Attorney General's Office) speak on "Protecting the Public." Following her interesting discussion, refreshments will be served. Hadassah, founded in 1912, is unique for its service in Israel and the United States. Anyone interested in finding out more about the chapter should contact Phyllis Udell, membership vice-president, at 275-1626.

Jeremiah Sullivan completes basic



Airman Jeremiah D. Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene B. Sullivan of 14 Crest

Avenue, Wilmington, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

During the intensive six weeks of training, the airman earned the honor graduate ribbon for academic and military excellence. Completion of his training earned the individual credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Sullivan will remain at the Air Training Command base for specialized training in the security police field. The airman is a 1978 graduate of Shawheen Tech.

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letter

To the editor:

In regard to your article in the Town Crier last Wednesday, I think that you should learn all the facts before you write an article about our computer. In the first place, the computer has two operators at the present moment, one of which is currently going to the Shawsheen Technical High School full time, and the other goes to Wilmington High School. Myself, the operator who is going to the Tech, have been operating the computer since the Town of Wilmington first received the computer. I have worked under both directors, and both of them did a lot of hard work toward setting the Software Records System debugged and running.

In the second place, the Town has spent NO money toward training either of the directors. Mr. Sousa, the first director, had been working in the field of computers for over 20 years and was currently teaching Data Processing in the High School when he became Director.

Dr. Spencer was very familiar with computers of the type we have from his experience in the Lexington school system. He lives in Lexington and I think he made the right decision in deciding to return there.

If you do need a place to put blame, look higher up in the school system hierarchy. When Dr. Spencer left, we were all ready to convert to a new records system. We had written several programs to convert the TimeShare data into a suitable format for entry to a new database management system. Dr. Spencer recommended we convert to Project Leads software which he had worked on over at Lexington.

But, the authorities higher up, in their infinite wisdom, have gotten very nervous over getting a new director. This may seem unreasonable at first, but it did take them well over a month to get a replacement for Mr. Sousa. If this is the case this time, they might not have a director until late October, if ever.

Now, as for training a new director, it does not have to be someone in the Mathematics department. Anybody who has gotten past sixth grade has enough mathematical ability to become director, or even a programmer. Mathematics is not a requirement for programming. I should know, as I am a programmer as well as computer operator.

The new director does not even have to know how to operate the computer, as there are two operators right now who are familiar with the system. I myself might be leaving in September, but the other operator is almost as familiar with the system as myself.

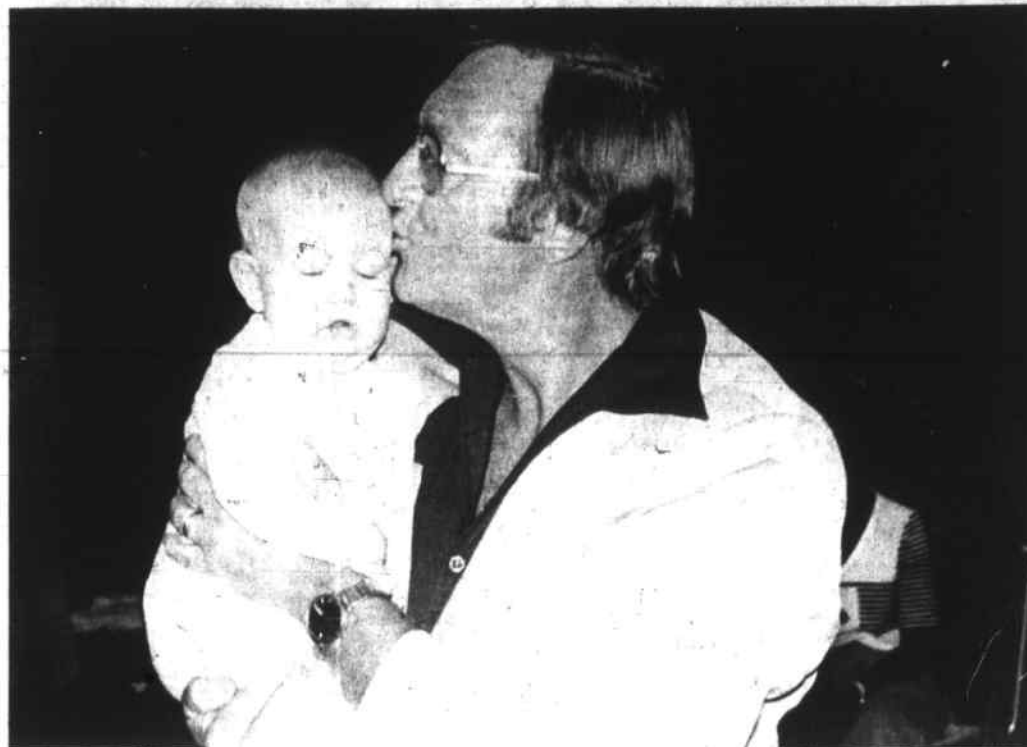
Still, the town must be prepared to spend some more money to upgrade the computer as the system right now is just about the minimum needed to run the computer. It consists of one terminal, one line printer, one card reader, a dial-up modem for remote use, and the CPU with around 64K words of primary memory. In order to run the batch processor, which allows you to do several jobs with only one terminal, more primary memory is needed. This had been put on order from DEC, but the order was cancelled when Dr. Spencer left and went back to Lexington.

Since the school administrators do not really understand how the computer works, or what is needed to run it, I suggest that they set someone to teach them so that they don't make any rash decisions that they might regret.

Sincerely yours,
Mark R. Jenkins

Editor's note: If our headline "Computer has no operator" was misleading, we apologize. It should have read "director." No where in the text of the article does it state the computer was without an operator.

It is interesting that a position which, if it is as claimed in your letter, requires only a sixth grade level of math, can command so formidable a salary. Also, nowhere in the article did the Town Crier state the town had spent money training its directors. The training referred to by Mr. Fenton was on-the-job training, which is also a costly investment when the turnover rate is high.



But will
she vote?

"If you'll take the picture, I'll kiss the baby!" said John Harvey, who is running for Middlesex Register of Probate. Harvey was at the banjo concert on Wilmington Concert recently when he decided to make a parody on the old joke about politicians kissing babies. Heidi Rice happened to be the nearest available baby, so she got the smooch. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Rice of Hanover Street, Wilmington.

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